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Claim 16, line 2, change "claims 1 to 14" to --claim 1--.

Claim 23, line 2, delete "or 22".

Claim 24, lines 1 and 2, change "claims 21 to 23" to --claim 21--.

25. (Amended) A washing machine provided with the detergent producing apparatus as set forth in claim 17 [claims 17 to 20 or the washing apparatus as set forth in claims 21 to 24].

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26. (Amended) A dish washer provided with the detergent producing apparatus as set forth in claim 17 [claims 17 to 20 or the washing apparatus as set forth in claims 21 to 24].

Please add new claims 27 and 28 as follows:

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--27. A washing machine provided with the washing apparatus as set forth in claim 21.

28. A dish washer provided with the washing apparatus as set forth in claim 21.--

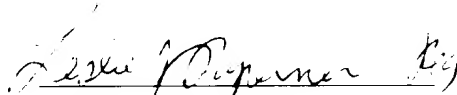
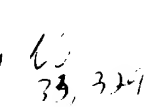
REMARKS

By the above amendment, the claims have been amended to delete multiple dependency.

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